

## REMARKS

Claims 11-20 are pending in the application.

Appropriate headings have been added to the specification, and claims from the literal translation have been replaced by claims drafted in conformity with U.S. Patent practice.

The application in its amended state is believed to be in condition for allowance. However, should the Examiner have any comments or suggestions, or wish to discuss the merits of the application, the undersigned would very much welcome a telephone call in order to expedite placement of the application into condition for allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1 – 10: Cancelled

11. (New) An apparatus for protecting an object against ammunition in the form of guided missiles, comprising:

a device carrier (5) that is adapted to be disposed or mounted on the object that is to be protected;

at least one warning sensor (1) for detecting an incoming guided missile, wherein said at least one warning sensor is disposed on said device carrier (5); and

active elements (2, 3a) for repelling the guided missile, wherein said active elements are disposed on said device carrier (5).

12. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein in a region below said at least one warning sensor (1) firing devices (3a) for active elements that can be fired, and which are adjustable at least in elevation, are disposed in such a way that a field of viewing of said at least one sensor (1) is not limited in azimuth and elevation.

13. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein said firing devices (3a) are embodied as launchers for firing projectiles.

14. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein respective units 3 comprised of a plurality of said firing devices (3a) are disposed on a plurality of sides of said device carrier (5).

15. (New) An apparatus according to claim 12, wherein a unit 2 of electronic/electro-optical active elements that is adjustable at least in azimuth is disposed on said device carrier (5) in a region above said at least one warning sensor (1).

16. (New) An apparatus according to claim 11, wherein said device carrier (5) in a region below said at least one warning sensor (1) is provided with an enclosed installation space (4) for receiving electrical and electronic components.

17. (New) An apparatus according to claim 15, wherein said device carrier (5) is embodied as a narrow, upwardly directed unit on which a housing (6) is mounted, wherein said unit (2) of electronic/electro-optical is disposed above said housing, wherein said housing (6) contains a directional drive (2a) for said unit (2) of electronic/electro-optical elements, wherein said at least one warning sensor (1) is disposed in sides of said housing (6), wherein in an upper portion of said device carrier (5) below said housing, an installation space (4) is provided for receiving electrical and electronic components, and wherein on opposite sides of a lower portion of said device carrier (5) units (3) having said firing devices (3a) for launchable active elements are disposed.

18. (New) An apparatus according to claim 7, wherein said device carrier (5) is disposed on a base plate (5c) via a universal joint (5a) and wherein on said base plate, in a direction of an axis of said universal joint, said units (3) having said firing devices (3a) are disposed in such a way that said device carrier (5), together with said housing (6), said at least one warning sensor (1) and said unit (2) for electronic/electro-optical active elements are pivotable, via a drive mechanism (5b), out of an upright position, about 90°, into a pivoted-out position.

19. (New) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein mechanical and electrical interfaces are integrated into a base of said universal joint (5a).

20. (New) An apparatus according to claim 18, wherein said base plate (5c') is connected with the object via a directional drive (8) so as to be adjustable in azimuth.